

**Town Of La Pointe  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011  
5:30 PM At Town Hall**

**Called to order at 5:30 PM**

**Members Present: Beth Fischlowitz, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Larry Whalen**

**Dept. Heads Present: Keith Sowl, Jen Croonborg-Murphy, Michael Dalzell**

**Public Present: C. Brummer, P. Brummer, M. Starck, M. Kusch, L. Fuller**

**1. Public Comment** none

**2. Vouchers** approved in the amount of \$19,617.89 BF/JP 5A MC

**3. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting (RTBM) March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 not available

**4. Public Works**

A. Roads

1. Griggs Approach Ramp

a. Grant Application to WI Dept of Natural Resources (WI DNR)

b. Hiring Engineering Firm for plans & grant application work

Town Foreman Keith Sowl stated that because of the low water, work would need to be done on the Griggs Approach. He estimated the cost of this at \$100,000. The existing concrete will be replaced and the approach will be widened at the top. He stated that even if the water comes up, a coffer dam will be needed. Motion to submit the grant application, hire the engineering firm for plans & grant application work and pursue the conceptual design at a total cost of \$2050. HR/BF 5A MC

2. Hagen Road Bike Lane Shared Costs agreement with WI DNR: the Clerk reported that the state DNR called and is willing to reconsider the amount that they will pay. The invoice is to be submitted to the state Department of Transportation first.

3. Cul-de-Sac located off Mondamin Trail LP #014-0211-0100 final report and Resolution to Levy a Special Assessment will be presented at the Town Board meeting on 4/12/11.

B. Parks

1. Big Bay Town Park (BBTP) & Improvement Plan Project

a. Grant Application to WI DNR

b. Hiring firm for final park plans, engineering & grant application work

Points of discussion summarized as follows:

Keith Sowl stated that John Griffin of Chequamegon Bay Engineering will attend the next Town Board meeting.

Ham Ross asked about the timing of the application vis-à-vis the Town Plan Commission work.

Jim Patterson reiterated that there is still to be another public hearing on the Town Park improvements

Sowl responded that the grant application is due by May 1<sup>st</sup> and that Wisconsin Coastal Management had encouraged the Town to reapply.

Jen Croonborg-Murphy responded that the TPC does not need a map drawn by an engineer for its work.

Sowl stated that the Improvement Plan will be revised based on the TPC recommendation.

Ham Ross stated that applications and studies are fine . . . .

Jim Patterson added that the Board should avoid even the appearance of acting prematurely.

Croonborg-Murphy asked again about the timing: does CAPP need to have its five-year review of Parks & Rec done by May 1<sup>st</sup>?

Sowl responded that in his opinion that's why an engineering firm is needed: to say, "This is where we're at right now."

Croonborg-Murphy asked if it can be general in nature.

Sowl responded, "Yes, it can."

Ham Ross asked how much is budgeted for basic upgrades to Big Bay Town Park.

Sowl responded: \$100,000 plus "lots of labor."

Ross asked, "So there is money for basic upgrades?"

Sowl responded that he doesn't want to do anything till there is a plan in place.

Greg Nelson summed up by saying that the purpose of the grant is to improve the park, and everyone agrees that that needs doing.

Jim Patterson requested again that the grant be framed in very general terms.

Motion to approve the grant application and hire the engineering firm at a total cost of \$3800. HR/BF 4A

1 Abstain [LW] MC

2. Starting back to work of Parks Employee & Temp Truck Driver: motion to re-instate Dick Hardie as Parks Employee & Temporary Truck Driver [full-time seasonal] at the budgeted rate to start on or about April

1. Larry Whalen requested that a Town Hiring Policy be placed on the next agenda.

C. Harbor: nothing at this time.

D. Airport

1. Airport Inspections dated 2/20, 2/27, 3/6 & 3/13, 2011 placed on file by unanimous consent.

2. Airport Manager's Report dated 3/22/11 placed on file by unanimous consent

## **5. Emergency Services**

A. Fire Department

1. Fire Chief's Monthly Report not available

B. Ambulance Service

1. Contract with LifeQuest for Ambulance billing & collection services: previously approved.

2. Letter of appreciation to former Ambulance Director presented by Ham Ross to be typed and sent by Clerk.

## **6. Library**

A. Library Board Minutes dated 2/7/11 placed on file by unanimous consent.

## **7. Committees**

A. Zoning

B. Zoning Board of Appeals

1. Resignation of Board Member – Chair accepted with regret by motion. HR/BF. 5A MC Clerk is directed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Starck.

2. Appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals Chair: the Town Chair appointed Joe Crawford as Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Clerk is directed to post for the open position on the committee.

C. CAPP: nothing

## **8. Town Hall Administration**

A. Administrative Assistant's Monthly Report dated 3/17/11 placed on file by unanimous consent. The Board answered various questions posed by the Administrative Assistant:

- The Town Board wishes to take quotes regarding the annual renewal of Town insurance.
- The Town Board wishes to have a presentation by the insurance agent after the policy is in place.
- The Town Board wishes to meet with the auditors in the early fall of 2011.
- The Town Board wishes to have copies of the Budget worksheets & Reports as well as the Designated Fund report available for the Annual Town Meeting.

### **B. Annual Meeting April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Agenda**

C. General Code Update: General Code is now in possession of all documents sent by the Town. They will codify these and return to the Town as soon as they are done. The Town Board chose a black binder with gold lettering for the final codified document.

D. Wisconsin Town's Association (WTA) On-Line Educational Video Participation: participation in this program costs \$100; it will be considered again in May.

## **9. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

Joni's Beach Ordinance

Vendor License

Appointed Officials' Hours

Final report & resolution levying a special assessment for improvements to a cul-de-sac off Mondamin Trail

Town Hiring Policy

## **10. Lawsuits & Legal Issues**

## **11. Adjournment at 6:30 PM**

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Clerk of the Town

Approved as submitted on 4/12/11